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For: APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A STACKED-TYPE CONNECTOR OF A WIRE HARNESS, A HOUSING HOLDER, APPARATUS AND METHOD AND FOR STACKING HOUSINGS OF STACKED-TYPE CONNECTORS, AND APPARATUS FOR PRESSING A JOINT PORTION OF A STACKED TYPE CONNECTOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following copending and commonly assigned patent application to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/900,012 to TAKAMURA et al., entitled "Joint Connector", which was filed on July 9, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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